

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1 - 33 (canceled).

Claim 34 (new)        A process for preparing a sodium salt of pravastatin in a crystalline form, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a solution containing pravastatin and sodium cations in a lower aliphatic alcohol;
- (b) adding ethyl acetate to said solution; and,
- (c) crystallizing sodium salt of pravastatin from said solution.

Claim 35 (new)        The process according to claim 34 wherein said lower aliphatic alcohol is ethanol.